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1. "TIMES" OF MAY 16 ALSO REPORTS FOLLOWING EXCHANGE
IN HOUSE OF COMMONS MAY 15.
2. QUOTE: THE PRIME MINISTER: I SHALL BE HAVING TALKS
WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU IN PARIS ON MAY 21 AND 22.
THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING, BUT IT
WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST. I DO NOT PROPOSE TO ANNOUNCE IN
ADVANCE THE SUBJECTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE COVERED.
MR. MEACHER: (OLDHAM, WEST, LAB) - BRITAIN HAS A MORAL
DUTY TO DISSUADE FRANCE FROM FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTING
BOTH AS A SIGNATORY OF THE NON- PROLIFERATION TREATY AND
BECAUSE THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A SERIOUS FALL- OUT IN THE
PACIFIC. IS MR. HEATH SO EVASIVE ON THIS MORAL ISSUE
BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO DELAY DISCUSSION OF ANGLO-
FRENCH NUCLEAR COOPERATION?

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MR. HEATH - THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANGLO-FRENCH NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND THE QUESTION OF ANY TEST WHICH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT MAY DECIDE TO HOLD IN FUTURE. PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S VIEW HAS BEEN THAT THE TIME IS NOT RIGHT FOR DISCUSSING ANGLO-FRENCH NUCLEAR COOPERATION.

MR. DALYELL (WEST LOTHIAN, LAB) - CAN WE HAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THERE IS NO GRAIN OF TRUTH IN CHAPMAN PINCHER'S ASSERTION THAT WE ARE IN RATHER A WEAK POSITION WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU SINCE WE WANT TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE TEST OF OUR OWN?

MR. HEATH - YES. I CAN ASSURE HIM THAT THERE IS NO GRAIN OF TRUTH IN THIS. WE HAVE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR TESTING UNITED KINGDOM WARHEADS. ANY TESTS WE MAKE TO KEEP OUR NUCLEAR UP- TO- DATE, WHICH WE ARE PLEDGED TO THIS HOUSE TO DO, ARE TAKEN UNDERGROUND. THIS IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE TEST BAN TREATY. THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANYTHING A BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO DO IN FUTURE BY WAY OF UNDERGROUND TESTING AND TESTING IN THE AIR.
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